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Parent Handbook 2020-2021

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Hebrew School of the Arts!

Imagine a place where kids never want to miss a day? Imagine a place where children are too busy singing, doing, dancing, playing and creating, to realize they're even learning!

You've just imagined the **Olney Hebrew School of the Arts!** A place where Judaism is inspired through the Universal language of the Arts.

Our Hebrew School has a particular focus on educating children through art, music, culinary arts and Science enabling them to experience the ideas and ideals which are taught in a relevant and artistic manner. Additionally, we offer the Aleph Champ program, a detailed curriculum geared towards learning the Hebrew language.

As a trend setter in creative Jewish education, our innovative program will inspire a love for our rich ancient heritage, with the creativity and beauty of modern-day art.

This year, we are excited to present a curriculum designed specifically to the situation we find ourselves in. The goal is to generate a positive change in children by encouraging them to integrate Torah, Mitzvot and Holidays into their lives. Through focused lesson goals and repeated application, the children will gain real skills and will be able to effect a genuine change in their lives. The curriculum offers timeless lessons and ways to integrate the knowledge children need to practically implement the skill. Children will have the passion and knowledge to live Jewishly, by internalizing the lessons and skills they learn.

Upon completion of this course the student will have created a method to integrate Torah, Mitzvot and Jewish Holidays into their lives and developed methods to create change in the world around them.

Areas of academic emphasis include:

1. Hebrew reading and vocabulary
2. Holidays and traditions
3. Culture and current events

This course engages children in discovering the higher purpose of everyday lifestyle, and gives them the

tools to practically implement their inspiration.

I am looking forward to seeing your child grow this year!

Sincerely,

Devorah Stolik



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Hebrew School Schedule:

Ages:	Our program is for boys and girls Grades K-7th
Dates:	Hebrew School begins on Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Hours:	In-Person Classes are held on Tuesdays 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Virtual Classes are held Tuesday, 4:30-5:45 pm
Aleph Champ	One and one 15 minute zoom sessions will be available for students in Grades 2 and up on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.
Location:	Sandy Spring Fire House 17921 Brooke Rd. Sandy Spring,
Tuition:	\$1000 (Registration & book fee). \$350 Single Session (Fall, Winter, Spring) No Child will be turned away due to lack of funds.

Information

Attendance/Arrival Time:

If your child is not able to attend class for any reason, please notify us in advance. Classes start promptly at 4:30 pm. To maximize our learning time and to avoid distractions to the class, your cooperation is appreciated.

Supplies:

All workbooks and art materials for all grades are provided by the school. Both tracks will have supplies separated per child to avoid sharing and keep exposure minimal.

Arrival and Dismissal:

Arrival: Parents that are driving their children, should wait in line at the school, a staff will greet your child and usher them into the building. Temperature checks will be taken daily. Parents will need to fill out a health screening form prior to drop off. A google doc will be sent so it's easy to fill.

Dismissal: Students will be lined up in the hallway or outside weather permitting, parents please wait on the carpool lane as a staff member brings your child to the car.

Snacks:

A light pre-packaged snack will be given to your child during Hebrew school. Water bottles are recommended as well. Snacks will be given in the outdoors only during the mask breaks.



Health and Wellness Policy

Communication is key to allowing us to help your child. Please let us know if there are any important factors in your child's health, such as allergies, vision, hearing, medications, etc. This will help us to be understanding and cater to his/her needs. Of course, the greatest care will be taken to maintain the confidentiality of the student/family.

Contagious Illness: Please notify us in the event of a contagious illness so that we may notify the parents of other children in the class to be aware of the symptoms. Hebrew School has someone certified in CPR/First Aid on duty at all times.

In case of minor injury, the first aider will treat the injury. For major injuries, G-d forbid, EMS will be called as well as the parents. In the event the parents/guardians cannot be reached, the emergency contact on file will be contacted. If necessary, the child will be taken to the nearest hospital.

This year, we have added an extra precaution to ensure health and wellness. For In-Person Hebrew School, please fill out the Health Questionnaire sent to you by 4:00 PM, each week of Hebrew School.

Masks

Masks are mandatory for all students and staff while indoors. We will provide a few mask breaks outdoors during snack.



Helping your child succeed:

Virtual Hebrew School Success tips:

We have hired teachers that are certified for Zoom instruction by the Ckids Hebrew School Network to make your child's experience as best as possible.

In order to set your child up for success this year, please make sure that the following is adhered to:

1. Make sure that your child is properly set up for online learning, with a set place to learn, a laptop/computer and proper bandwidth for wifi.
2. Please make sure that your child's camera is on and the microphone works.
3. Please remove all distractions from nearby, only having the materials for the classroom available.
4. Make sure your child is familiar with the platform.

Engaging your children:

In order for our Hebrew School program to be most effective, the home and school must work hand in hand and promote a close partnership. The following are a few suggestions:

- Many of our students are involved in other extracurricular activities, i.e. sports, music lessons, etc. All these are important; however, please place priority on your child's Jewish education.
- Participation in Synagogue services and celebration of Jewish Holidays will greatly enhance your child's interest in Judaism and strengthen his/her Jewish identity. We invite all Hebrew School families to join us at Chabad for Shabbat and holiday services and programs. You belong-no membership needed!
- Show your child that you are interested in his/her Jewish education. Make a habit of asking your child/ren how their day was, and what they have learned. This will greatly encourage and help foster a strong Jewish identity and positive attitude.
- Always remember that informal Jewish education is one of the best motivators for creating a positive Jewish identity!